

HB 313

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January 9, 2009

Mr. Brian Golie
President
Montana Game Warden Association

Dear Brian:

Thanks for your letter. There have been some changes since I spoke with your group, namely, the economic downturn is being felt by all Montana departments manifested as budget reductions and an increased vacancy savings rate. In all honesty, this puts additional pressure on my efforts to work with you. Nonetheless, we need to push forward.

I am still committed to researching and addressing the issues discussed. We currently have all the budget folks preparing options to address the new markets. I will personally work on your issues.

I met with the captains earlier in the week and they committed to help me help you. Some sacrifice in terms of vacancy savings will be necessary to meet our objective. Our recruitment problems are such that vacancies will occur anyway.

If you have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Joe Maurier
Acting Director, FWP

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